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# Report of the Town Clerk

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS MARCH 6, 1911.

Pursuant to a warrant, duly executed, the qualified voters of the Town of Norwell, met at the Town Hall on Monday, March 6, 1911, and took the following action on the articles in the warrant:

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

John Whalen was chosen moderator, by ballot, and was qualified by the town clerk.

The ballots, cards of instruction and ballot box keys were delivered to him by the clerk and Ezra E. Stetson, William D. Turner, Amos H. Tilden, Charles W. Thomas and Charles Scully were sworn as election officers. The polls were declared open at 6.05 A. M. Joseph C. Otis and Jeremiah H. Lehan were appointed additional election officers, were sworn by the moderator and counting of ballots began at 9 A. M. The polls were closed at 11.20 A. M. Two hundred and thirty-four names were checked on the voting list and the same number of ballots were cast. Two of these were partial ballots for school committee. The ballot box registered 222. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting they were found to be for the following persons, and the result was declared by the moderator:

## Town Clerk (for one year)

Joseph F. Merritt	217
Blanks	15

## Selectman (for three years)

Frank W. Jones	175
George P. Hunt	1
Charles Baker	1
Blanks	55

## Assessor (for three years)

Frank W. Jones	178
Charles Baker	1
Blanks	53

## Overseer of the Poor (for three years)

Frank W. Jones	177
Charles Baker	1
Blanks	54

## Town Treasurer (for one year)

Joseph F. Merritt	216
Blanks	16

## Auditor (for one year)

Elliott W. Crowell	182
Blanks	50

## Collector of Taxes (for one year)

Alfred B. Litchfield	76
Walter T. Osborn	141
Blanks	15



## School Committee (for three years)

Claude G. Ainslie	79
Mary E. Curtis	143
Blanks	12

## Board of Health (for three years)

Francis E. Henderson	165
Blanks	67

## Surveyor of Highways (for one year)

Emanuel P. Joseph	119
George H. Turner	103
Blanks	10

## Constables (for one year)

Joshua Warren Foster	191
L. Frank Hammond	165
Archie F. Merritt	166
Walter T. Osborn	161
Jesse M. Winslow	163
Scattering vote	7
Blanks	297

## Tree Warden (for one year)

Lyman W. Lincoln	81
John H. Sparrell	142
Blanks	9

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

Yes	94
No	111
Blanks	27

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### OFFICERS ELECTED

Town Clerk, Joseph F. Merritt.

Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, Frank W. Jones.

Treasurer, Joseph F. Merritt.

Auditor, Elliott W. Crowell.

Collector of Taxes, Walter T. Osborn.

School Committee for three years, Mary E. Curtis.

Board of Health for three years, Francis E. Henderson.

Surveyor of Highways, Emanuel P. Joseph.

Constables, Joshua Warren Foster, L. Frank Hammond  
Archie F. Merritt, Walter T. Osborn, Jesse M. Winslow.

Tree Warden, John H. Sparrell.

Article 3. To hear the report of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Voted to accept the reports of the town officers as printed.

Article 4. To make the necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Voted that the moderator appoint a committee of five to consider the list of appropriations and report to the meeting. Committee, Clifton S. Deane, George C. Turner, Ezra E. Stetson, Horace T. Fogg and Elliott W. Crowell.

The committee reported in favor of appropriations as follows:

Removing Snow	\$500 00
Highways, General Work	2000 00
Highways, Special Work	1200 00
Squares and Triangles	75 00
Gaffield Park	100 00
Support of Poor (outside)	1500 00
Incidental	500 00
Town Officers	1500 00
Post 112, G. A. R.	150 00
Cemetery on Washington street	75 00
James Library	100 00
Electric Lights	200 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Board of Health	250 00
School Physician	25 00
Town Hall	50 00
Gypsy Moth	425 00
Spraying Elm Trees	300 00
• Sprayer	350 00
Fighting Fires	300 00
Schools	7000 00
Town Note	500 00
Anticipation Note 1910	1500 00
Interest	500 00
Soldiers' Relief	200 00
State Aid	2000 00
Abatement of Taxes	100 00
Discount on Taxes	200 00
State and County Taxe	3100 00

Voted to appropriate the above amounts.

Voted to appropriate \$50 for signboard at "Thomas Corner" and other places where needed.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize its treasurer under the direction of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and for disbursement under the provisions of the law relating to state aid and military aid, and to defray the expenses of the town?

Voted, that the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$20,000.00 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow?

Voted to pay 25 cents per hour for removing snow.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Voted, that a discount of two per cent. be allowed on taxes paid on or before October 1st; that on all taxes not paid December 1st, interest be charged at the rate of six per cent. After April 1st, 1912, the collector shall issue summons and proceed to collect all unpaid taxes, and that the money shall be paid to the treasurer or a deposit made by the collector for all unpaid taxes on July 1, 1912.

Voted, that the collector have the same powers in the collection of taxes that he would have if he were also town treasurer.

Article 8. To make allowance to town creditors.

No bills being presented it was voted to lay on the table.

Article 9. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Acted on under Article 4, general appropriations.

Article 10. Will the town cause a statement of its financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Voted, that a statement of its financial affairs and a report of its officers be printed in February 1912.

Article 11. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Referred to committee on appropriations and acted on under Article 4.

Article 12. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Voted to pay 25 cents per hour for men, 62 1-2 cents per hour for man and two horses.

Article 13. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 14. Will the town give any instructions to the town officers?

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to grant no permits for transporting liquors into town to any express company, person or persons, and also that they grant no licenses for pool tables or bowling alleys.

Voted, that the selectmen and tree warden be a committee to purchase sprayer.

Voted, that the highway surveyor be instructed to expend his appropriation before Nov. 10.

Voted, that the highway surveyor be instructed to put and keep the road roller and all tools under cover.

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to print the list of jurors with the next annual report.

Voted, that Mr. Arthur L. Power be a committee to fix the pumps in Districts No. 1, 2 and 6, and that thereafter the selectmen continue to keep them in order.

Article 15. What price wil the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year?

Voted, to pay 35 cents an hour for work at fires.

Article 16. Will the town take any action in regard to the care of parks, squares and triangles, and make any appropriation for the same?

Voted, that the tree warden have charge of the appropriation for this purpose.

Article 17. Will the town make an appropriation for the James Library in return for the free privilege of taking books which the townspeople now have?

Referred to committee on appropriations and acted on under Article 4.

Article 18. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission in the construction of one mile of road on Washington street, Norwell, commencing at the Hingham town line?

Voted, that the \$1200 appropriation for special work be spent under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

Article 19. Will the town contract with the Massachusetts Highway commission for the construction of said mile of road?



Voted, that the selectmen execute a contract with the said Highway Commission for this purpose?

Article 20. Will the town give instruction to the school committee to reopen the schoolhouses, known as District No. 2 and District No. 4.

Voted, to take up the two questions separately.

Voted, to reopen District No. 2.

Voted, to instruct the committee not to reopen District No. 4.

Voted, to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted to reopen District No. 2.

Voted not to open District No. 2.

Article 21. Will the town instruct the selectmen to sell the schoolhouses in Districts No. 2 and No. 4?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 22. Will the town act in conjunction with the Town of Hanover to have an electric light at the terminus of River street, Norwell, and Broadway, Hanover, at the Third Herring Brook.

Voted, that the town maintain a light at said location in conjunction with the Town of Hanover.

Article 23. Will the town appropriate the sum of four hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixty-two cents for the suppression of gypsy and browntail moths?

Acted on under Article 4.

Article 24. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the superintendent of schools.

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 25. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of fighting fires and the purchase of additional fire apparatus?

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 26. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the purchase of a sprayer and the spraying of the elm trees along the highways?

Appropriation made under Article 4.

Article 27. Will the town give the selectmen instructions in regard to taking up mortgages on the estates of persons supported wholly, or in part by the town?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 28. Will the town make the moth tax general?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 29. Will the town level off, grade, or otherwise repair Union Bridge wharf?

Voted, that Mr. Arthur L. Power be a committee to level off said wharf, and that he be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding ten dollars for this purpose.

Article 30. Will the town appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of continuing the Hanover Branch Railroad through Norwell to Greenbush, or some other point on the South Shore Branch?

Voted, that Mr. Horace T. Fogg, Mr. Arthur L. Power and Mr. Henry J. Tolman be a committee to wait on the vice president of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. at his Boston Office and confer with them in regard to the matter.

Article 31. Will the town instruct the highway surveyor to use crushed stone in preference to gravel wherever practicable?



Voted, that he be instructed to use crushed stone in preference to gravel wherever practicable.

Article 32. Will the town instruct the selectmen to take any measures toward defining the highway lines along Church street?

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to define the highway lines along Church street.

Article 33. Will the town instruct the selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen and straighten Mt. Blue street from Central street to a point near the residence of Mrs. Kate Williamson?

Voted, that the selectmen be instructed to petition the said County Commissioner to widen and straighten Mt. Blue street between the above mentioned points.

Article 34. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$500 to pay the balance of the town note due December 30, 1910?

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the purpose under Article 4.

Article 35. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Highway Commission in the construction of a mile of road on Main street, near the residence of Harrison Wilder?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 36. Will the town contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of said mile of road?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 37. Will the town build a piece of crushed stone road on Washington street and appropriate money for the same?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 38. Will the town vote to sell the stone crusher?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 39. Will the town bond its treasurer and collector of taxes?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 40. Will the town instruct the selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen the highway at the junction of Jacobs avenue and Prospect street?

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to petition the said County Commissioners to widen the highway at the junction of Jacobs avenue and Prospect street.

Article 41. Will the town appropriate a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars to be expended in conjunction with other towns and the State River and Harbor Commission for the improvement of the channel in North river?

Voted to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the Harbor and Land Commission in connection with the money appropriated by other towns and the Commonwealth in removing rocks from the North River in accordance with the recommendations of the Harbor and Land Commission.

Article 42. What action will the town take relative to the improvement of Gaffield Park, and appropriate a sum of money for the same?

Voted, that money appropriated under Article 4 be expended under the direction of the Tree warden.

Article 43. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Voted, to appropriate \$800 for support of poor farm.

Voted to raise by taxation a sum not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and that it be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

Voted to appropriate \$25 for fixing pumps.

Voted that the Constables act as field drivers.

Voted that the Selectmen act as fence viewers.

Voted that the cemetery committee consist of Wallace W. Farrar, Arthur T. Stoddard and Frank W. Jones.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to order the treasurer to pay the moderator \$10 for services this day.

Voted that the secretary of the school committee receive \$50, the other members not over \$25 each, treasurer \$150, collector \$225.

The two fish rights were purchased by George S. Hatch for fifty cents each.

Voted that meeting be dissolved.

Attest, JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk.

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, AUGUST 16, 1911.

At the special meeting held August 16, 1911, the following action was taken:

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Chose John Whalen moderator.

Article 2. What action will the town take in regard to the tax levy for 1911?

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Article 3. What action will the town take in regard to pro-



## LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Walter S. Hutchins, Socialist	5
Robert Luce, Republican	202
William G. Merrill, Prohibition	3
Patrick Mulligan, Socialist Labor	0
David I. Walsh, Democratic Progressive, Democratic	83
Blanks	43

## SECRETARY

David Craig, Socialist Labor	1
Frank J. Donahue, Democratic Progressive, Democratic	65
Alfred H. Evans, Prohibition	3
Rose Fenner, Socialist	0
Albert P. Langtry, Republican	200
Blanks	67

## TREASURER

Joseph M. Coldwell, Socialist	2
Jeremiah P. McNally, Socialist Labor	0
Charles E. Peakes, Prohibition	4
Elmer A. Stevens, Republican	210
Augustus L. Thorndike, Democratic Progressive,	
Democratic	62
Blanks	53

## AUDITOR

Karl Linstrand, Socialist Labor	1
Sylvester, J. McBride, Socialist	1
William W. Nash, Prohibition	1
Charles B. Strecker, Democratic Progressive, Democratic	66
John E. White, Republican	204
Blanks	63

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

George W. Anderson, Democratic Progressive, Democratic	66
Henry C. Hess, Socialist Labor	1
George E. Roewer, Jr., Socialist	0
James M. Swift, Republican	199
Blanks	70

## COUNCILOR—(First District)

Alfred E. Green, Democratic	64
Eben S. S. Keith, Republican	199
Edward Smith, Socialist	1
Blanks	72

## SENATOR—(First Plymouth District)

Alfred Burns, Democratic Progressive	20
Alfred S. Burns, Democratic	51
Orion L. Griswold, Prohibition	2
Frederic M. Hersey, Republican	201
William P. Wright, Socialist	0
Blanks	62

## REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

## (Second Plymouth District)

Joseph F. Merritt, Democratic	187
William D. Turner, Republican	134
Blanks	15

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## (Plymouth County)

Edward P. Boynton, Democratic	77
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Jere B. Howard, Republican	197
Edward T. Spear, Socialist	0
Blanks	62

## CLERK OF COURT—(Plymouth County)

Edward Cox, Democratic	57
Thomas H. Flood, Socialist	0
Edward E. Hobart, Republican	217
Blanks	62

## REGISTER OF DEEDS—(Plymouth County)

Edward C. Cole, Socialist	2
John M. Hayes, Democratic	59
John B. Washburn, Republican	201
Blanks	74

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution authorizing the use of voting machines at all elections be approved and ratified?

Yes	129
No	36
Blanks	171

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution, increasing the power of the legislature to authorize the taking of land and property for highways or streets, be approved and ratified?

Yes	128
No	32
Blanks	176

Meeting dissolved.

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk.



## TOWN CLERKS' CONVENTION

At the meeting of the Town Clerks of the several towns, comprising the Second Plymouth Representative District, held at the clerks' office in Marshfield, November 17, 1911, the vote for Representative was found to be as follows:

	Total	Merritt	Turner	Blanks
Marshfield	255	108	133	14
Norwell	336	187	134	15
Scituate	428	200	209	19
Pembroke	154	47	101	6
Duxbury	305	70	192	43
Whole number of ballots				1478
Joseph F. Merritt				612
William D. Turner				769
Blanks				97

William D. Turner was found to be elected and his certificate returned in accordance therewith.

GEORGE H. WETHERBEE,  
Town Clerk of Marshfield

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Town Clerk of Norwell.

JETSON WADE,  
Town Clerk of Scituate.

WILBERT L. HALLIDAY,  
Town Clerk of Pembroke.

GEORGE H. STEARNS,  
Town Clerk of Duxbury.



## REGISTERED VOTERS

At the close of registration, October 28, 1911, there were 407 male voters, 4 females and 527 assessed polls.

## DOGS LICENSED

Year ending Dec. 1, 1911.

Whole number licensed 166.

151 males at \$2.00	\$302 00	
15 females at \$5.00	75 00	
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		\$377 00
Less Clerks' fees 166 licenses at 20c		33 20
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		\$343 80
Amount turned over to County Treasurer, June 1, 1911		\$168 00
Amount turned over to County Treasurer, Dec., 1, 1911		175 80
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		\$343 80

## HUNTERS' LICENSES

Number of resident hunters licensed for year ending Dec. 31, 1911, 69.

Amount turned over to Commissioners on Fisheries and Game, \$69.

## ENROLLED MILITIA

There were 238 men enrolled for military duty in this town April 1st, 1911.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE  
YEAR, 1911.

- January 5. At Norwell, Amos Myron Clark of Rockland and Emily E. Burns of Norwell by Rev. William E. Ennis.
- January 18. At Hanover, Edward Francis Hurley of Hanover and Lena Atwood Crocker of Norwell, by Rev. James J. Gilday.
- January 22. At Norwell, Harry A. Ainslie of Norwell and Lillian Dunton of Weymouth, by Rev. Hartnell J. Bartlett.
- February 23. At Boston, Percy W. Litchfield of Norwell and Lucinda E. Litchfield of Weymouth, by Rev. Duncan A. MacPhir.
- February 25. At New Bedford Frank Young Casey of Norwell and Cora Bradford Winslow of Hanover, by Rev. C. P. Cole.
- April 27. At Norwell, A. A. McKay of Brockton and Jeanette K. Ainslie of Norwell, by Rev. Gertrude R. Riegel.
- May 10. At Boston, Daniel Thomas Brown and Flora Winslow, both of Norwell, by Rev. Samuel J. Comfort.
- May 28. At Norwell, James E. Cobbett and Emma M. Slauenwhite, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- June 11. At Scituate, Clifton S. Deane and Sophia M. Buttrick, both of Norwell, by Rev. Hartnell J. Bartlett.
- June 14. At Norwell, George Philip Appleford of Whitman and Bessie Gladys Gardner of Norwell, by Rev. Ralph W. Farrell.
- June 14. At Norwell, Williard Thomas Potter of Plymton and Helen E. MacDonald of Norwell, by Rev. Edward L. Houghton.

- July 6. At Quincy, William James Hayden and Lydia P. Appleton, both of Norwell, by Rev. Thomas W. Davison.
- August 9. At Hanover, Chester Willis Robinson and Ethel Blanche MacEachern, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- September 8. At Newport, R. I., Herbert Everett Robbins of Norwell and Emma Allen Eddy of Newport, R. I., by Rev Emery H. Porter.
- September 27. At Norwell, William H. Jackson and Maria C. Lake, both of Norwell, by Rev. Edward L. Houghton.
- December 24. At Hanover, Carlton Evans Richardson and Susie Marion Stockbridge, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- December 25. At Norwell, Elmer Warren Coe and Hannah Gertrude Roscoe, both of Wolcott, Conn., by Rev., T. Roscoe.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1911

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Names of Parents	Maiden Name of Mother
February 7	Florence May Carr.....	William C. and Lettie.....	Ulman
February 23	Ella Marian Beach.....	Arnold V. and Carrie.....	Turner
March 8	George Leon Knight.....	Edgar L. and Isabel A.....	Montgomery
March 12	Pauline Leonard Gardner....	Alfred B. and Ida R.....	Leonard
March 16	Amos Wendell Clark.....	Amos M. and Emily .....	Burns
March 29	Delia Gaudette.....	Horace D. and Lillian.....	Wilder
April 27	Lawrence Stanley Richardson	Earl S. and Marian T.....	White
June 2	Elizabeth Alice Merritt.....	Harry B. and Elizabeth.....	Delorey
June 2	Eleanor Florence Merritt.....	Harry B. and Elizabeth.....	Delorey
June 28	Illegitimate.....		
June 29	Lloyd Albert White.....	Patrick L. and Ella .....	Pratt
July 21	Edmund Quincy Sylvester....	Albert L. and Amy W.....	Dinzey
July 21	Helena Ruth Dumas .....	William G. and Euphenna...	Robertson
July 22	Winthrop Leslie Smith.....	Anthony J. and Belle.....	Wilder
August 12	Stillborn.....		
September 24	Louis Robert Crocker.....	Clifton C. and Annie.....	Spies
October 6	Thomas W. Whittaker, Jr....	Thomas W. and Lillian.....	Moulton
November 10	J. Augustus Gardner.....	Harry and Nina.....	Robinson
November 11	Clinton Raymond Bates.....	Henry W. and Nellie M....	Hammond

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL.—Cont.

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Maiden Name of Mother
December 5	Roselette Irene Henderson...	Ernest L. and Jennie.....	Chapman
December 14 1910	Edward Francis Higgins.....	Thomas J. and Sadie.....	Adams
May 24	Robert Leonard Griffin.....	Brenton H. and Addie E.....	Munnis

Blanks for returning births will be furnished by the Town Clerk and errors or omissions in the list should be reported to him in order that the records may be correct and complete.

# DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1911

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Birthplace	Place of Death
		Y	M	D			
Jan. 21	Alonzo C. Sylvester	59	10	..	Chronic Intestinal Nephritis	South Scituate	Norwell
Feb. 10	Luella A. Morse (Swan)	62	7	15	Carcenoma of Uterus	Weymouth	Norwell
Feb. 25	Lydia J. Wilder (Damon)	77	1	3	Cancer of Breast	Scituate	Norwell
Feb. 24	Sylvina B. Stetson (Sherman)	87	5	8	Influenza	Marshfield	Norwell
March 1	Harriet J. Babbitt	1	5	17	Meningitis	Norwell	Norwell
March 18	Everett D. Sibley	31	5	19	Intestinal Obstruction and Operation	Spencer, Mass.	Boston
March 22	P. Alfred Rinson	80	6	22	Senile Dementia	Scituate	Norwell
March 27	Leonard F. Winslow	39	..	..	Septicchoemia from Coelitis of arm	South Scituate	Norwell
April 19	George M. Kebbe	33	7	24	Pul. Tuberculosis	Holliston, Mass.	Norwell
April 25	Margaret Gammon (Hurley)	79	..	..	Pneumonia	Ireland	Norwell
May 11	Frank M. French	63	2	5	Valvular Disease of Heart	Belfast, Me.	Norwell
June 1	Andrew Smith Richardson	73	1	..	Fatty Degenerate of Heart	Scituate	Norwell
June 3	Alice M. Andrews (Johnson)	57	2	2	Acute Bright's Disease	England	Norwell
June 5	Thomas H. Gunderway	75	..	..	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Scituate	Norwell
July 24	Charles Tolman	68	4	14	Heart Disease, Nephritis	Scituate	Norwell
Aug. 3	Lydia F. Tolman (Jackson)	53	6	24	Diabetis	Scituate	Norwell
Aug. 12	Stilborn						
Aug. 20	Anne Maria Clapp	65	7	..	Arterio Sclerosis Myocarditis	Duxbury	Brookline
Sept. 20	Isaac Howard Packard	68	7	..	Chronic Spinal Meningitis, 2 Bed Sores		Norwell

# DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL.—Conc.

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Birthplace	Place of Death
		Y	M	D			
Sept. 29	Helena Ruth Dumas	..	2	8	Unknown, 2. Convulsions Septic Meningitis, 2 Pneumonia	Norwell	Norwell
Oct. 3	Lillian May Turner(Smith)	34	..	19		Pembroke, Me. Scituate	Norwell Norwell
Nov. 23	Mary E. Litchfield (Merritt)	70	4	21	Spinal Sclerosis	Scituate	Norwell
Dec. 3	George H. Vinal	70	2	10	Mitral Stenosis Insufficiency of Heart		Norwell
Dec. 5	Frank Stockbridge Brown	24	10	17	Uremia, General Meliary Tuberculosis	Marshfield Abington	Norwell Norwell
Dec. 10	Mary A. Bailey (Peterson)	86	..	7	Pneumonia (double)	Hanover Nova Scotia	Norwell
Dec. 12	Ellen Frances Gardner (Wilder)	66	..	3	Pneumonia		Norwell
Dec. 17	Lawson A. Griffin	†	..	..	Chronic Bronchitis		



# BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 1911

Date of Death	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Place of Death
		Y	M	D		
Feb. 16	Sarah F. Gardner	60	9	22	Lobar Pneumonia	E Bridgewater
Feb. 18	William C. Litchfield	70	2	18	Cerebral Apoplexy	Middleboro
Feb. 20	Sophia D. Rinson	52	8	27	Carcenoma of Breast	Hanover
March 31	Susan C. Damon	86	10	1	Apoplexy	Boston
April 11	Adeline Lincoln	84	6	..	Chronic Heart Disease	E Bridgewater
April 26	Francis Warren Kennedy	57	5	7	Lobar Pneumonia	Boston
Aug. 18	James Henry Ednie	11	10	29	Colitis	Hanover
Aug. 20	Anne Maria Clapp	65	7	..	Arterio Sclerosis. 2 Myocarditis	Brookline
Aug. 20	Sophia S. Sampson	76	10	10	Cardiac Disease	Scituate
Sept. 9	Beatrice E. Keene	..	8	16	Marasmus	Hanover
Dec. 20	Arthur Field Torrey	15	11	29	Pluro Pneumonia	Pembroke

Number of marriages, 17.

Number of births, 22

Number of deaths, 27.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.



# Report of the Town Treasurer

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JANUARY 23, 1911 TO JANUARY 23, 1912 FOR  
YEAR 1911.

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## RECEIPTS

To Cash on hand		
General funds	\$832 72	
High school fund	38 84	
	<hr/>	\$871 56
From Walter T. Osborn, Collector of Taxes		
Assessment of 1910 and interest	\$5,197 67	
Abatements	62 25	
	<hr/>	\$5,259 92
From Wm. H. Spencer, Collector of Taxes		
Assessment of 1911, and interest		
	\$13,426 13	
Abatements	79 62	
Discounts on taxes	229 75	
	<hr/>	\$13,735 50
From Chairman of Assessors		
Street Railway Excise Tax	\$437 55	
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## Loans in Anticipation of Taxes of 1911

South Scituate Savings Bank	\$10,000 00
Rockland Trust Company	4,000 00

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\$14,000 00

## From Spraying Private Property

Mrs. Maria Gaffield	\$70 95
Nathan Cushing Estate	400 00
Tree Warden, collections	13 00

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\$483 95

## From Fines

Second District Court	\$74 45
Sheriff of Plymouth County	75 00

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\$149 45

## From Miscellaneous Sources

Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$19 25
Sec. School Committee, Damages collected	5 85
Albert L. Sylvester, Electric Light refund	13 34
Superintendent of Almhouse, sale of produce	92 27
Fish Rights	1 00
Gaffield Park	4 27
Old Colony Street Railway, snow refund	30 64
Rockland Trust Company, Interest on balance	29 42
Superintendent Moth Department	82 50
Discount Scituate Tax	21

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\$278 75

## From Forest Warden

E. F. Martin, Fire Extinguisher	\$9 00
H. E. Robbins, Fire Extinguisher	9 00
W. D. Turner, Fire Extinguisher	9 00
A. J. Litchfield, Fire Extinguisher	9 00

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 \$36 00

## From Union Bridge Account

W. D. Turner, Sale of Plank	\$20 80
Town of Marshfield	82 57
Town of Marshfield	11 62

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 \$114 99

## From State Treasurer

Public Service Corporation Taxes, 1910	\$79 39
Public Service Corporation Tax	1,381 30
Business Corporation Tax	49 55
National Bank Tax	905 28
Street Railway Tax	375 39
State Aid, Refunded	2,058 00
State Highway, 1910	15 00
State Highway, 1911	600 00
Inspection of Animals	17 00
Burial of Soldiers	74 00
Forest Fire Protection	193 87

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 \$5,748 78

## For School Purposes Only

H. T. Fogg, County Treasurer, Dog Tax Refunded	\$322 43
Elmer A. Stevens, State Treasurer,	

Income	Massachusetts	School
Fund		1,351 21
Tuition of Children		263 00
High School Fund		500 00
Superintendent of Schools		416 66
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		\$2,853 30

## Aid Refunded

Town of Hanover	\$104 00
Town of Hull	4 50
Town of Canton	156 00
Town of Scituate	161 50
Town of Holbrook	123 25
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	\$549 25

## Sale of Lots in Cemetery

Mary E. Farrar	\$10 00
Mrs. Mathias French	12 00
Florence Walker	10 00
Wallace E. Mann	10 00
Henry E. Spear	12 00
Charles N. Gardner	10 00
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	\$64 00

## From Licenses

Herbert S. Turner, carriage	\$1 00
Corthell Bros., slaughtering	1 00
Herbert Simmons, slaughtering	1 00
Wallace Damon, slaughtering	1 00
W. R. Barker, slaughtering	1 00
Walter Wagner, slaughtering	1 00

Eugene B. Tobey, pedler's	6 00	
John Monahane,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 00
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		\$44,601 00

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### PAYMENTS

Highway account	\$2,184 73	
Highway account, 1910	20 50	
State Road account	2,569 59	
Snow,	182 26	
	<hr/>	\$4,957 08

Almshouse	\$1,088 26	
Outside Poor (this town)	644 06	
Outside Poor (other towns)	362 90	
	<hr/>	\$2,095 22

State Aid, 1910	\$4 00	
State Aid, 1911	1,900 00	
Soldiers' Relief	138 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,042 25

Schools	\$10,105 54	
High school fund	348 30	
	<hr/>	\$10,453 84

Town Officers, 1910	\$5 50	
Town Officers, 1911	1772 42	
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		\$1,777 92
Police Officers		\$73 41
Gypsy Moth		\$1,812 05
Incidentals		\$1,083 80
Abatements, 1910	\$62 25	
Abatements, 1911	79 62	
Discounts on Taxes	229 75	
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		\$371 62
State tax	\$1,650 00	
County tax	1,453 58	
Forfeiture to State	7 00	
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		\$3,110 58
Sundry Accounts		
Town hall	\$47 50	
Town landing	10 00	
Board of health	249 00	
Pump	5 45	
Cemetery	34 00	
Tree warden	45 00	
North River	500 00	
Spraying	413 76	
School physician	5 00	
James library	100 00	
Post 112, G. A. R.	150 00	
Electric lights	187 74	
Fire account	571 27	
Gaffield park	101 60	
Squares and triangles	74 13	
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		\$2,497

## NOTES AND INTEREST PAID

South Scituate Savings Bank, balance of time loan	\$500 00	
Interest	4 38	
South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa- tion 1910, No. 2	2,500 00	
Interest	86 67	
South Scituate Savings Bank, antici- pation 1910, No. 3	2,500 00	
Interest	143 04	
South Scituate Savings Bank, antici- pation 1910, No. 4	1,500 00	
Interest	36 45	
South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa- tion 1911, No. 1	5,000 00	
Interest	144 45	
South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on anticipation of 1911, No. 2	100 00	
Rockland Trust Company, anticipation 1911, No. 3	\$1,000 00	
Interest	12 11	
Interest on "A. T. Otis" poor fund note	52 00	
Interest on "Coffin" fund note	80 00	
		\$13,659 10
Cash on hand to balance		
General funds	\$476 14	
High school fund	190 54	
		\$666 68
		\$44,601 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,  
Treasurer.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor

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## ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT—DR.

John S. Gardner, superintendent	\$300 00
H. S. Turner & Co., groceries	126 31
Curtis & Bates. groceries	133 32
A. J. Litchfield & Son, groceries	122 47
A. L. Ford, groceries	51 69
W. W. Cutler, meat	50 75
Corthell Bros., meat	49 48
George F. Welch, coal and shingles	116 53
Samuel Olson, fish	30 10
John Martin, ice	12 39
John Monahan, dry goods	13 51
E. H. Sparrell, burial	35 00
John Burns, plowing	5 00
George H. Turner, fertilizer	5 55
C. W. Tilden, smith work	7 75
H. J. Little, medical attendance	23 00
Everett Torrey, sawing lumber	1 40
W. C. Soule, whitewashing	1 25
E. W. French, repairing shoes	1 15
E. E. Stetson, cash paid shoes	90
W. T. Osborne, expressing	75

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\$1,088 26



## ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT—CR.

Received for sale of produce	\$118 71	
Less cash paid for supplies	26 44	
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	\$92 27	
Received from town of Scituate	157 00	
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		\$249 27
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Net cost of almshouse		\$838 99
Appropriation		800 00
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Exceeded		\$38 99

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PAID FOR SUPPORT OF OUT OF DOOR POOR  
HOME POOR

H. S. Turner & Co., groceries	\$89 45	
Curtis & Bates, groceries	63 49	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, groceries	104 00	
John S. Brooks Co., groceries	71 15	
W. D. Turner, wood	53 00	
C. W. Groce, rent	22 00	
Mary E. Kelliher, nursing	45 00	
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial	29 00	
W. W. Cutler, meat	13 14	
City of Boston, hospital expenses	104 28	
Joseph Frame, M. D., medical aid	16 00	
H. J. Little, M. D., medical aid	24 00	
W. R. Torrey, interest	8 05	
John Monahan, supplies	1 50	
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		\$644 06

## OTHER TOWNS

C. W. Groce, house rent	\$112 00	
A. L. MacMillan, M. D., medical aid	30 00	
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial	12 00	
H. J. Little, M. D., medical attendance	22 00	
C. E. Knight, M. D., medical attendance	10 00	
John S. Brooks Co., supplies	7 00	
H. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	164 40	
H. S. Turner & Co. supplies	4 50	
M. J. Kane, wood	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$362 90
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		\$1,006 96
Unexpended balance		497 54
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		\$1,504 50
Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Received from other towns	4 50	
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		\$1,504 50
Due from other towns	\$369 40	
Due to other towns	235 70	
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Balance in favor of the town		\$133 70

## STATE AID

Amount paid	\$1,900 00
Unexpended balance	100 00
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Appropriation	\$2,000 00

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF

W. S. Simmons, wood	\$13 00	
Cash	10 50	
C. L. Rice, burial	35 00	
E. A. Turner, burial agent	2 00	
City of Somerville, aid	32 00	
Charles Hammond, medical aid	45 75	
	<hr/>	\$138 25
Reimbursement by State		\$37 00
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		\$101 25
Unexpended balance		98 75
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Appropriation		\$200 00

E. E. STETSON,  
W. D. TURNER,  
FRANK W. JONES,  
Overseers of the Poor.

## Highway Account

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E. P. Joseph, 41 days at \$2.50	\$102 50
E. P. Joseph, man, 8 days at \$2.00	16 00
One horse and one man 24 days at \$3.36	80 64
Two horses and one man 37 days at \$5.00	185 00
Four horses and two men 14 days at \$10.00	140 00
Six horses and three men 4 days at \$15.00	60 00
Clifford Brett and 2 horses	60 00
Bennie Loring and 2 horses	110 00
Henry Ford and 2 horses	136 00
E. A. Jacobs and 2 horses	55 00
Joseph Hatch and 2 horses	70 00
Carlton O. Litchfield and 2 horses	50 00
Richardson Brothers and 2 horses	20 00
John Burns and 2 horses	80 00
E. G. Bates and 2 horses	45 00
Lyman Lincoln and 1 horse	63 76
F. E. Henderson and 2 horses	62 26
Edwin E. Jacobs and 1 horse	33 60
Timothy Sheehan and 1 horse	35 84
Willie Williams	6 25
John Burns, Jr.	6 00
Tyler Williams	38 50
Walter Wagner	31 00
Ernest Henderson	58 00

A. H. Tilden	48 00
A. Black	30 00
Daniel Brown	40 00
John T. Hatch	69 62
Charles H. Bates	22 00
Eddie Winslow	40 00
Charles Baker	28 00
Alfred Jacobs	8 00
Caleb D. Litchfield	62 50
Andrew Stockbridge	12 20
Herbert Litchfield	6 00
Charles Hunt	13 25
W. R. Barker	13 25
Henry Studley	14 00
Charles H. Curtis	15 00
Frank Dyer	1 00
Allen Damon	12 00
Albert Osborne	29 00
Charles Scully,	4 00
Hatherley Ainslie	4 00
Howard F. Mann	6 00
John P. Jones	6 00
John Evans	6 00
Francis Scully	5 00
Eugene Sheehan	6 00
Harry Merritt	3 35
George H. Bates	6 00
John Sheehan	5 00
Will Wilder	1 30
Clarence E. Joseph	7 75
James Dolan	35 50
Frank L. Thomas, gravel	38 56
T. Appleford	2 00
William Morse, gravel	78
Mrs. E. Bates, gravel	9 00

Mr. Farrar, gravel	1 08
Mr. Morey, gravel	4 08
George F. Welch, lumber	15 39
R. W. McDonald	4 77
Tilden Ironwork	4 00

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	\$2,184 73
Appropriation	2,000 00
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Exceeded	\$184 73

E. P. JOSEPH,  
Surveyor.

## Snow Account

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Joseph Briggs	\$18 00
W. S. Briggs	2 50
W. G. Evans	17 75
Timothy Sheehan	9 38
C. V. Chapman	2 38
Asa Vining	2 38
Francis Scully	2 50
George H. Bates	2 00
George A. Bates	2 00
Alpheus W. Thomas	2 00
Arthur Stoddard	2 00
Archie Merritt	2 00
Herbert Penniman	2 00
Herbert Young	2 00
Earl Ainslie	2 00
L. F. Hammond	14 00
Thomas Higgins	2 00
W. D. Turner	3 00
Richardson Bros.	15 75
Benjamin Loring	8 25
C. O. Litchfield	8 25
George H. Turner	8 00
F. E. Henderson	25 50
C. E. Brewster	16 87
A. J. Parr	75
C. A. Brett	9 00

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\$182 26



Unexpended balance		348 38
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		\$530 64
Refunded by Street R. R.	\$30 64	
Appropriation	500 00	
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		\$530 64

## State Road Account

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E. P. Joseph, labor and teams	\$188 57
Benjamin Loring, labor and teams	315 00
Charles E. Brewster, labor and teams	177 50
Timothy Sheehan, labor and teams	115 92
L. F. Hammond, labor and teams	72 50
Asa Vining, labor and teams	90 00
William Farrar, labor	66 00
Charles Curtis, labor	35 00
William Goff, labor	68 50
Guy Merritt, labor	60 00
Henry Bellfontaine, labor	73 50
Francis Scully, labor	60 00
John Sheehan, labor	23 00
Henry Ainslie, labor	69 00
Hatherly Ainslie, labor	12 00
Ellery Ainslie, labor	67 00
A. J. Parr, labor	53 00
W. G. Collamore, labor	42 00
Eugene Sheehan, labor	12 00
C. V. Chapman, labor	58 00
Frank Bent, labor	10 00
E. A. Damon, labor	50 50
Howard Mann, labor	23 00
George H. Bates, labor	26 50
George Williamson, labor	6 00
Harry J. Litchfield, labor	69 50
Warren Randall, engineer	121 00
W. E. Simms, inspecting boiler	5 00

W. T. Osborn, expressing	5 95	
Good Roads Machine Co., bolts	5 15	
Barber, Stockwell & Co., grates	16 20	
E. W. Gardner, smith work	2 84	
W. D. Turner, oil and freight	4 25	
George M. Webber, coal	2 60	
J. M. Jenney, coal	1 04	
George F. Welch, coal and drain pipe	103 67	
Henry Godbeer, bounds	3 00	
A. Thayer, gravel	27 90	
Barrett, Oil Co., tarvia	427 00	
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		\$2,569 59
Appropriation, town \$1,200, state \$600		1,800 00
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Exceeded		\$769 59

## Town Officers' Account

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E. E. Stetson, selectman, overseer of poor and assessor	\$265 00
W. D. Turner, selectman, overseer of poor and assessor	315 00
Frank W. Jones, selectman, overseer of poor and assessor	265 00
Joseph F. Merritt, town clerk	100 00
Joseph F. Merritt, town treasurer	150 00
Joseph F. Merritt, registrar of voters	20 00
E. W. Crowell, auditor 1910 and 1911	50 00
Walter T. Osborn, tax collector	225 00
John Whalen, forest warden	25 00
Mary E. Curtis, school committee	50 00
Benjamin Loring, school committee	25 00
George C. Turner, school committee	25 00
Harold E. Stetson, registrar of voters	15 00
Edward M. Sexton, registrar of voters	15 00
John H. Prouty, registrar of voters	15 00
Walter T. Osborn, constable	21 20
Archie F. Merritt, constable	18 00
J. Warren Foster, constable	11 00
L. F. Hammond, constable	15 50
Jesse Winslow, constable	3 00
H. J. Little, inspector	17 75
J. Warren Foster, inspector	25 50
Wilfred Chamberlain, inspector	1 00
Alvin G. Spencer, sealer of weights and measures	27 47

William H. Spencer, tax collector	25 00
Amos Tilden, teller	9 00
Charles Scully, teller	9 00
Charles W. Thomas, teller	9 00
J. C. Otis, teller	2 00
J. H. Lehan, teller	2 00
John Whalen, teller	6 00
John Whalen, moderator	10 00

	<hr/>	\$1,772 42
Appropriation		1,500 00
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Exceeded		\$272 42

## Incidental Account

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George McQuestion, bridge plank	\$142 35
Southern Mass. Telephone Co.	22 01
Carrie M. Ford, printing	24 25
Thomas H. Buttermer, legal services	65 00
Alpheus Damon, inspector	41 25
E. E. Jacobs, inspector	8 50
Bureau of Statistics, certification of town notes	15 00
E. E. Stetson, expressing, etc.	7 97
W. D. Turner, carting plank	10 00
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R., freight on plank	12 80
J. F. Merritt, recording marriages, births and deaths	17 40
W. T. Osborn, posting warrants	14 00
W. T. Osborn, stamps and expressing	29 35
Hobbs, Warren & Co., blanks, etc.	5 07
A. W. Brownell, dog license blanks	2 25
Rockland Standard Pub. Co., printing	380 85
Norwell post office, stamps and envelopes	37 46
E. E. Hobart, petition	3 00
Town of Marshfield, sale of bridge plank	10 40
Bessie E. Parr, land rent	20 00
Smith & Thayer, pump handle	88
John F. Turner, sheriff services	15 00
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for sealer	6 10

L. F. H. Hammond, moving stone	6 50	
J. H. Lehan, painting Union bridge	101 97	
Thomas Groom & Co., tax books	4 50	
Town of Scituate, taxes	5 25	
Harry B. Merritt, repairs ballot holder	50	
State Treasurer, ballot board	5 00	
Horace T. Fogg—trustee, vault rent two years	20 00	
F. A. Bicknell, settlement laws	1 50	
Boston Nickel Plating Co., weights	7 35	
Horace T. Fogg, justice of peace	5 00	
Herbert E. Robbins, justice of peace	2 50	
Alvin G. Spencer, expenses as sealer	5 35	
A. J. Litchfield, office supplies	24	
Charles Hammond, M. D., return of birth	1 25	
A. L. McMillan, M. D., return of birth	50	
H. J. Little M. D., return of birth	1 75	
C. H. Colgate, Jr., M. D., return of birth	50	
C. E. Knight, M. D., return of birth	25	
C. H. Fernald, M. D., return of birth	25	
T. B. Alexander, M. D., return of birth	25	
Josepe Frame, M. D., retrun of birth	25	
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, return of deaths	5 25	
John B. Washburn, transfers	17 00	
Amount expended		\$1,083 80

## CREDIT

Received from sale of plank	20 80
Received from Town of Marshfield for plank	82 57
Received from Town of Marshfield for one-half painting	\$50 98



Less one-half cost of cart and  
pulling piles

39 36

11 62

Appropriation

\$500 00

Exceeded

468 81

\$1,083 80

## Fire Account

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E. H. Gardner, High street fire	\$1 05	
Arthur Sprague, High street fire	1 05	
Herbert Penniman, High street fire	1 05	
Arthur Ridley, High street fire	1 05	
G. W. Ridley, High street fire	35	
Joshua Bates, High street fire	35	
Emery Ewell, High street fire	35	
Clifton Crocker, High street fire	35	
M. Loring, High street fire	35	
F. Mann, High street fire	35	
H. Cobbett, High street fire	35	
E. Cobbett, High street fire	35	
F. Ainslie, High street fire	35	
J. White, High street fire	35	
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C. O. Litchfield Mt. Blue fire	1 70	
S. A. Ward, Mt. Blue fire	1 70	
A. L. Ford, Mt. Blue fire	1 30	
C. M. Leavett, Mt. Blue fire	1 05	
Walter Wagner, Mt. Blue fire	1 05	
Thomas Roscoe, Mt. Blue fire	1 05	
Joseph Bates, Mt. Blue fire	1 05	
Lyman Lincoln, Mt. Blue fire	70	
Arthur De Ganier, Mt. Blue fire	70	
Minot Williamson, Mt. Blue fire	70	
J. M. Reed, Mt. Blue fire	70	
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Jerome Wadsworth, Turner fire	3 50	

John Leslie, Turner fire	3 50	
Edward Winslow, Turner fire	2 80	
Edward Freeman, Turner fire	2 80	
John Osborn, Turner fire	2 10	
C. E. Joseph, Turner fire	1 40	
J. H. Sparrell, Turner fire	1 75	
Ray Joseph, Turner fire	1 05	
Harold Monks, Turner fire	1 05	
Joseph Bates, Turner fire	1 05	
Carl Monks, Turner fire	1 05	
Edwin Osborn, Turner fire	1 05	
Perry Osborn, Turner fire	1 05	
Francis Leslie, Turner fire	1 05	
Seth Thomas, Turner fire	1 05	
Alven Spencer, Turner fire	1 05	
Henry Spencer, Turner fire	1 05	
E. A. Jacobs, Turner fire	1 05	
Samuel Turner, Turner fire	1 05	
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E. W. Gardner, Grove street fire	70	
A. W. Thomas, Grove street fire	70	
Archie Merritt, Grove street fire	70	
George Bates, Grove street fire	70	
Joseph Stoddard, Grove street fire	35	
Herbert Penneman, Grove street fire	35	
Frank Studley, Grove street fire	35	
James Studley, Grove street fire	35	
Winslow Gardner, Grove streetfire	35	
John Bent, Grove street fire	35	
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John Strachan, Pine street fire	70	
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C. V. Chapman, Washington street fire	8 40	
Gilbert Howard, Washington street fire	1 05	
Ellsworth Keene, Washington street fire	1 05	

Chester Pratt, Washington street fire	1 70	
Henry Skinner, Washington street fire	70	
R. Skinner, Washington street fire	70	
B. Reynolds, Washington street fire	70	
S. O. Jacobs, Washington street fire	70	
Fred Davis, Washington street fire	70	
George Davis, Washington street fire	70	
Edward Hines, Washington street fire	70	
Wm. Harvey, Washington street fire	70	
M. Gurney, Washington street fire	70	
	<hr/>	18 50
Eastern Drug Co., acids		2 81
W. T. Osborn, express and freight		4 35
Knight & Thomas, Extinguishers		240 50
Charles E. Damon, boxes		6 00
W. D. Turner, freight on wagon		6 00
Van Buskirk & Co., fire wagon		180 00
Curtis & Bates, Soda		3 36
Frye, Phipps & Co., pails		3 25
W. H. Spencer, tunnels		6 00
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies		6 25
John Whalen, forest warden		33 80
F. E. Henderson, deputy forest warden		5 00
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		\$571 27
Refunded by State	\$193 87	
Refunded by individuals for four extinguishers	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$229 87
Net expenditures		\$341 40
Appropriation		\$300 00
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Exceeded		41 40

## Seventh Annual Moth Report for Year Ending Dec. 30, 1911

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J. H. Sparrell, labor,	\$505 77
Team and cash paid	53 00
F. M. Curtis, labor	277 39
H. G. Pincin, labor	276 76
E. H. Stoddard, labor	28 00
Jerome Wadsworth, labor	97 26
H. G. Herrideen, labor	25 50
Daniel Brown, labor	88 25
Edward Winslow, labor	28 01
Frank Baker, labor.	8 00
Walter Wagner, labor	6 00
Charles Bates, labor	10 00
Everett Osborne, labor	10 00
James Dolan, labor	6 00
Alvan G. Spencer, labor	35 26
Jesse Reed, labor	33 26
Perry Osborn, labor	27 01
William Leslie, labor	24 76
Albert Osborne, labor	27 26
Charles H. Jones, labor	6 75
Guy Merritt, labor	28 51
Samuel Turner, labor	2 50
A. Pleganos, labor	4 88
Elmer Leavitt, labor	2 00
Bert Young, labor	28 00
J. L. Merritt, labor,	86 75

Wilbur Sylvester, labor	5 00	
Clarence Joseph, labor	37 63	
E. H. Sparrell, team	12 00	
W. T. Osborn, team & express	11 55	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	11 40	
H. S. Turner, & Co., supplies	4 56	
C. M. Ford, printing	3 00	
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Total expenditures		\$1812 05
Town liability	423 62	
Property liability	773 34	

J. H. SPARRELL,  
Local Supt.

## Miscellaneous

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### NORTH RIVER IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

Paid State Treasurer	\$500 00
Appropriation	\$500 00

### MEMORIAL DAY ACCOUNT

Post 112, G. A. R.	\$150 00
Appropriation	\$150 00

### PUMP ACCOUNT

William H. Spencer, repairs	\$8 45
Appropriation	25 00
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Unexpended balance	\$16 55

### TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

L. F. Hammond, janitor	\$25 00
H. E. Robbins, insurance	22 50
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	\$47 50
Appropriation	50 00
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Unexpended balance	\$2 50



## BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT

H. J. Little, M. D., medical attendance	\$241 75	
Carrie M. Ford, printing	3 00	
W. T. Osborn, expressing	1 60	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, supplies	2 65	
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		\$249 00
Appropriation		250 00
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Unexpended balance		\$1 00

## WASHINGTON STREET CEMETERY

F. S. Farrar, labor	\$17 25	
W. W. Farrar, labor	9 00	
C. V. Chapman, labor	4 00	
C. A. Brett, labor	3 00	
E. C. Briggs, labor	75	
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		\$34 00
Appropriation	\$75 00	
Received from sale of lots	64 00	
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		139 00
Balance in favor of cemetery		\$105 00

## ELECTRIC LIGHT ACCOUNT

Electric Light & Power Co., lights	\$187 74	
Appropriation	200 00	
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Unexpended balance	\$12 26	
Rebate on lights	13 34	
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		\$25 60

## TOWN LANDING ACCOUNT

A. L. Power, labor	\$10 00
Appropriation	\$10 00

## JAMES LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Mary L. Power, Treasurer	\$100 00
Appropriation	\$100 00

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES

W. T. Osborn, 1910 tax	\$62 25
W. H. Spencer, town tax	\$22 01
Moth Tax	57 61
	79 62
Appropriation	\$141 87
	100 00
Exceeded	\$41 87

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES

W. H. Spencer	\$229 75
Appropriation	200 00
Exceeded	\$29 75

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

H. J. Little, M. D., services	\$5 00
Unexpended balance	20 00
Appropriation	\$25 00

## SQUARES AND TRIANGLES

Appropriation		\$75 00
Phosphate	\$7 76	
Charles H. Jones, labor	7 89	
H. G. Pincin, labor	8 00	
F. M. Curtis, labor	5 63	
Frank Baker, labor	3 50	
Austin Lincoln, labor	2 00	
Jerome Wadsworth, labor	4 00	
R. B. McKim, supplies	5 35	
Church Hill Improvement society	25 00	
J. H. Sparrell, labor and cash paid	5 00	
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Total expenditures		\$74 13
Unexpended balance		87
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		\$75 00

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation		\$50 00
Lincoln Ellms, trees and setting out	\$25 00	
J. H. Sparrell, labor and team	12 00	
H. G. Pincin, labor and team	8 00	
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Total expenditure		\$45 00
Unexpended balance		5 00
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		\$50 00

## GAFFIELD PARK

American Forestry Co. transplants	\$12 50
J. H. Sparrell, labor	31 10
H. G. Pincin, labor	24 00

Frank Baker, labor	12 00	
Jerome Wadsworth, labor	12 00	
J. L. Merritt, labor	4 00	
James Dolan, labor	2 00	
Walter Wagner, labor	2 00	
F. M. Curtis, labor	2 00	
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Total expenditures		\$101 60
Received for sale of wood		4 75
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		\$97 33
Unexpended balance		2 67
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Appropriation		\$100 00

## SPRAYING ELMS

Appropriation		\$300 00
J. H. Sparrell, labor	\$32 82	
F. M. Curtis, labor	18 88	
H. G. Pincin, labor	8 88	
Jerome Wadsworth, labor	18 88	
Edward Winslow, labor	6 50	
Alvan G. Spencer, labor	3 50	
E. H. Sparrell, team	33 00	
C. M. Ford, printing	3 00	
E. A. Jacobs, damages	2 00	
H. D. Smith, repairs	1 00	
H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	62	
E. A. Turner, board	2 00	
Curtis & Bates, gasoline	6 00	
Freight and carting	8 45	
1500 lb. arsenate of lead at 5 5 1-2c	82 50	
Cash paid and expenses	6 00	
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	\$234 03	

Received for spraying	.	\$13 00	
Due for spraying		11 00	
Unexpended balance		89 97	
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		\$324 00	\$324 00

# Assessors' Report

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Taxable real estate	\$896,779 00
Taxable personal estate	203,514 00
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	\$1,100,393 00
Exempted real estate	\$43,020 00
Exempted personal	3,685 00
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	\$46,705 00
Total valuation 1911, real estate	\$939,899 00
1911, personal estate	207,199 00
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	\$1,147,098 00
Total valuation 1910	1,136,370 00
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Increase in 1911	\$10,728 00
Tax rate 1911	\$17.40 per \$1000
Town tax	\$20,035 18
County tax	1,453 58
State tax	1,650 00
Excise tax	437 55
Persons assessed	993
Poll tax only	152
Polls assessed	444
Polls exempted	77
Total number of polls	521
Number acres of land	12,811
Number dwelling houses assessed	505

Number horses assessed	314
Number cows assessed	194
Number neat cattle assessed	46
Number sheep assessed	25
Number swine assessed	49
Number fowl	11,170

EZRA E. STETSON,  
W. D. TURNER,  
FRANK W. JONES,  
Assessors.



# Tax Collector's Report

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## ASSESSMENT OF 1910

DR.

Out standing taxes	\$5,128 14	
Cash on hand	3 16	
Interest collected	128 62	
	<hr/>	\$5,259 92

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Cash paid treasurer	\$5,197 67	
Taxes abated	62 25	
	<hr/>	\$5,259 92

WALTER T. OSBORN,  
Collector of Taxes.  
Assessment of 1910.

# Recapitulation

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## EXPENDITURES

Almshouse	\$1,088 26
Out door poor — home	644 06
Out door poor — other towns	362 90
State aid	1,900 00
Soldiers' relief	138 25
Highways	2,184 73
Snow	182 26
State road	2,569 59
Town officers	1,772 42
Incidentals	1,083 80
Fire account	571 27
Gypsy moth	1,812 05
North River	500 00
Memorial Day	150 00
Pump account	8 45
Town hall account	47 50
Board of health	249 00
Washington St. cemetery	34 00
Electric lights	187 24
Squares and triangles	74 13
Tree warden	45 00
Spraying account	234 03
Gaffield Park	97 33
James library	100 00
School physician	5 00
State tax	1,650 00

County tax	1,453 58
Schools	10,453 84
Abatement of taxes	141 87
Discount on taxes	229 75
Interest	659 10

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\$30,629 41

## CREDIT

From other towns, for aid rendered	\$161 50
Gypsy moth tax	276 25
State gypsy moth	370 27
Spaying elm trees	24 00
Sale of cemetery lots	64 00
State highway commission	600 00
Interest on bank balances	29 42
State on account of fire apparatus	229 87
Licenses	18 00
Court fines	149 45
Sealer of weights and measures	19 25
Sale of fish rights	1 00
Corporation tax	1,510 24
State for soldiers' burial	37 00
Sale of bridge planks	20 80
Marshfield, on account of Union bridge	94 19
Gaffield park sale of wood	4 27
Bank tax	905 28
Street railway tax	375 39
Street railway, removing snow	30 64
Street railway, excise tax	437 55
Almshouse	92 27
Rebate on electric lights	13 34
School funds	2,853 30
State aid	2,058 00

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\$10,375 28

# Financial Statement

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## LIABILITIES.

Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings	
Bank,	\$5,000 00
Notes in favor of Rockland Trust Co.,	3,000 00
Other towns for aid to poor,	235 70
Interest due on notes,	76 50
Note in favor of Coffin fund	2,000 00
Note in favor of Otis fund	1,300 00

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11,612 20

## ASSETS.

Due from State for State Aid	\$1,900 00
Due from State and towns for aid to	
poor	369 40
Due from State for inspection of cattle	12 75
Due for spraying elm trees	11 00
Uncollected taxes and cash in hands of	
collector	6,575 93
Cash in hands of treasurer	666 68
Interest due on uncollected taxes	32 88

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\$9,568 64

Balance against town

\$2,043 56

EZRA E. STETSON,  
WILLIAM D. TURNER,  
FRANK W. JONES,  
Selectmen.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, School Committee and Tax Collector, and have found them correct as reported.

ELLIOTT W. CROWELL, Auditor.

## Report of Trustees

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### THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND

Amount of fund		\$2000 00
Loaned on town note at 4 per cent.		
In Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1911	\$128 95	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1911	4 75	
Interest on Bank Book	4 72	
Interest on Note	80 00	
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		\$218 42
Paid for care of cemetery lot	\$30 00	
Paid worthy poor	29 50	
In Bank, Jan. 1, 1912	78 92	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1912	80 00	
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		\$218 42

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### TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ABIGAIL T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS

Amount of funds	\$1500 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1911	273 83	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	71 62	
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		\$1845 45

Paid for care of cemetery lots	\$55 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	290 45	
Amount of funds	1500 00	
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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND

Loaned on Town Note	\$1300 00	
In Savings Bank	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$2000 00
In Savings Bank, Jan. 1, 1911	\$135 63	
Cash on hand	2 96	
Interest on Bank Book	32 70	
Interest on Town Note	52 00	
	<hr/>	\$223 29
	\$ 99 35	
Paid worthy poor	123 94	
In Bank, Jan. 1912	<hr/>	\$223 29

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY  
FUND

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit, Jan. 1, 1911	18 76	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	8 82	
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Paid for care of lot	8 00	
Interest on Bank Book Jan. 1, 1912	19 58	
Amount of fund	200 00	
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		\$227 58

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH  
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit, Jan. 1, 1911	31 45	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	9 34	
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		\$240 79
Paid for care of lot	\$8 00	
Interest in Bank	32 79	
Amount of fund	200 00	
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		\$240 79

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE TRUSTEES OF THE PRUDENCE E. DELANO  
CEMETERY FUND

Amount of Fund	\$300 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1911	87 37	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	15 64	
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		\$403 01
Paid for repairs and care of tomb	\$12 00	



Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	91 01	
Amount of fund	\$300 00	
	<hr/>	\$403 01

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE NANCY HERSEY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit, Jan. 1, 1911	2 27	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	4 12	
	<hr/>	\$106 39
Paid for care of lot	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	2 39	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 39

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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE BETSEY TOLMAN CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	2 00	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	4 04	
	<hr/>	\$106 04
Paid for care of lot	\$4 04	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	2 00	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 04

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
GEORGE CLAPP CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	2 00	
Interest on Bank Book	4 04	
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		\$106 04
Paid for care of lot	\$4 04	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	2 00	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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		\$106 04

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE MARY O. ROBBINS CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1911	11 99	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	8 54	
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		\$220 53
Paid for care of lot	\$8 00	
Interest on Bank Book	12 53	
Amount of fund	200 00	
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		\$220 53

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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
CHARLES H. MERRITT CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$50 00
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Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	1 61	
Interest on Bank Book	2 06	
	<hr/>	\$53 67
Paid for care of lot	\$2 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	1 67	
Amount of fund	50 00	
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#### SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES W. SAMPSON CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	4 35	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1912	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$108 55
Paid for care of lot	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	4 55	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$108 55

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#### FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ROBBINS TOMB FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	18 23	
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Interest in Savings Bank	\$18 28	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$118 28

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
DAVIS DAMON CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	5 56	
Interest on Bank Book	4 24	
	<hr/>	\$109 80
Paid for care of lot	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	5 80	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$109 80

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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
SUSAN C. DAMON CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	2 32	
Interest on Bank Book	4 12	
	<hr/>	\$106 44
Paid for care of lot	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	2 44	
Amount of fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 44

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
GEORGE H. BATIS CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan 1, 1911	2 28	
Interest on Bank Book	4 12	
	<hr/>	\$106 40
Paid for care of lot	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	2 40	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
GAD LEAVITT CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	9 32	
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Interest on Bank Book	\$9 32	
Amount of fund	100 00	
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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
ADELINE PAINE CEMETERY FUND

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on Bank Book	10 16	
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Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1912	\$10 16	
Amount of fund	200 00	
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EZRA E. STETSON,  
WILLIAM D. TURNER,  
FRANK W. JONES.  
Trustees

# Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

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Number of platform scales over 5,000 lbs. sealed	1
Number platform scales under 5,000 lbs. sealed	15
Number platform scales under 5,000 lbs. adjusted	7
Number computing scales sealed	2
All other scales sealed	37
All other scales adjusted	3
All other scales condemned	2
Number of weights sealed	170
Number of weights adjusted	46
Number of weights condemned	1
Number of dry measures sealed	57
Number of liquid measures sealed	65
Number of liquid measures condemned	6
Number of lineal measures sealed	4
Number of lineal measures condemned	7
Test weighing in stores	6
Inspection of scales and measures of pedlers	2
Amount paid for supplies	\$13 95
Amount paid sealer	32 32
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	\$46 27
Amount of fees received and paid to treasurer	19 25
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	\$27 02

ALVAN G. SPENCER,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

# Forest Wardens And Fire Extinguishers

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## FOREST WARDEN

John Whalen

## Deputy Forest Wardens

Francis E. Henderson

Henry D. Smith

Timothy Sheehan

Frank W. Jones

Tom Roscoe

Edwin A. Turner

Arnold V. Beach

Amos H. Tilden

Melvin Little

Edward W. Gardner

Benjamin Loring

Carlton O. Litchfield

John H. Sparrell

Frank Thomas

Jesse Reed

Edward A. Jacobs

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## LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

### Main Street

Frank Thomas

H. S. Turner (store)

Curtis & Bates (store)

A. J. Litchfield & Son, (store)

Town Hall

W. D. Turner (Mill)

Joseph F. Merritt

Town Farm

Henry J. Corthell

F. W. Jones

Joseph Briggs



## Washington Street

Joseph H. Curtis	School House No. 1
Edward W. Gardner	Charles W. Thomas

## High Street

Alpheus W. Thomas	Asa W. Robinson
George W. Ridley	Charles W. Groce
Timothy Sheehan	

## Prospect Street

Benjamin Loring	Clifford A. Brett
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## South Street

Walter S. Briggs
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## Pleasant Street

Edward A. Jacobs	Joseph C. Otis
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## Tiffany Road

Francis E. Henderson	Ezra E. Stetson
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## Elm Street

Charles H. Dyer	Harding R. Sprowl
William C. Tolman	

## River Street

Melvin Little (store)	Henry D. Smith
Joseph Tolman	Franklin Dyer
George E. Torrey	

## Central Street

Ernest H. Sparrell

George H. Turner

John E. Leslie

Jesse Reed

John Whalen

Joseph H. Hatch

Lincoln S. Whiting

## Winter Street

Amos H. Tilden

## Lincoln Street

Atwood L. Ford

Tom Roscoe

## Grove Street

Arthur J. Parr

## Mount Blue Street

Richardson Brothers

E. G. Bates

Carlton O. Litchfield

J. Martin Reed

## Summer Street

James L. Litchfield

## Jacobs Avenue

Andrew F. Jacobs

## Appropriations Recommended 1912

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Support of Poor	\$1,200 00
Almshouse	800 00
Support of Schools	6,500 00
Highway Repairs	2,000 00
Removing Snow	300 00
Memorial Day	150 00
State Aid	2,000 00
Soldiers' Relief	200 00
Town Officers	1,500 00
Washington Street cemetery	75 00
Tree Warden	50 00
Board of Health	300 00
School Physician	25 00
Squares and triangles	75 00
Town Hall	50 00
Electric Lights	225 00
James Library	100 00
Fire Department	300 00
Abatement of Taxes	100 00
Discount of Taxes	200 00
Anticipation Note	1,500 00
Gypsy Moth	457 37
Superintendent of Schools	250 00
Interest	500 00
State and County taxes	3,100 00
Gaffield Park	75 00
Incidentals	750 00
Spraying Elm trees	250 00

# Transcript of Articles in the Warrant

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FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, THE FOURTH  
DAY OF MARCH 1912, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK  
IN THE FORENOON.

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To bring their votes for a Town Clerk for one year one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor, for three years, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables, and a Tree Warden for one year, one member of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Health for three years, and to vote yes or no in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town," all on one ballot. Polls open from 7 A. M., to 11 A. M.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Art. 4. To make the necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient.

Art. 5. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer under the direction of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and for disbursement under the provisions of the law relating to State Aid and Military Aid, and to defray the expenses of the town.

Art. 6. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 7. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To make allowance to town creditors.

Art. 9. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

Art. 10. Will the town cause a statement of its financial affairs to be printed in February next.

Art. 11. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Art. 12. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair.

Art. 14. Will the town give any instructions to town officers.

Art. 15. What price will the town pay for work at fires for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. Will the town take any action in regard to the care of parks, squares and triangles and make any appropriation for the same.

Art. 17. Will the town make an appropriation for the James Library in return for the free privilege of taking books which the townspeople now have.

Art. 18. Will the town act in conjunction with the town of Hanover to have an electric light at the terminus of River street, Norwell, and Broadway, Hanover, at the third Herring brook.

Art. 19. Will the town appropriate the sum of \$457.37 for the suppression of Gipsy and Browntail moths.

Art. 20. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 21. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of fighting fires and for the purchase of additional fire apparatus.

Art. 22. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the spraying of the elm trees along the highways.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant must present them to the selectmen on or before 5 o'clock P. M. February 17, 1912.

EZRA E. STETSON,  
WILLIAM D. TURNER,  
FRANK W. JONES,  
Selectmen of Norwell.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NORWELL  
FOR THE YEAR 1911

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# School Report.

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To the Citizens of Norwell:

We hereby respectfully submit for your consideration our annual report.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benjamin Loring, Chairman,  
George C. Turner,  
Mary E. Curtis, Secretary.

## SUPERINTENDENT.

James S. Hayes.

## TEACHERS.

John C. Page, Principal High School. Gertrude M. Short, Assistant in High School. Alcina B. Houghton, Assistant in High School. Edith C. Turner, Grammar School, District No. 1. Lucy S. Williams, Primary School, District No. 1. Margaret Towle, Primary School, District No. 2. Grace Field, Grammar School, District No. 5. Marion G. Merritt, Primary School, District No. 5. Mabel E. Adams, Primary School, District No. 6. Maria W. Tolman, Primary School, District No. 7. Bertha M. Tilden, Drawing Teacher.

Six new teachers were hired this year, four of whom are Normal graduates, and two were graduates also of our own High School. We are now having music taught

in all the grades and by the regular teachers. Both teachers and pupils have taken up this new work with much enthusiasm.

The opening of a primary school in District No. 2 was a departure from our policy of these latter years when schools have been closed and consolidated with others, not opened. The crowded condition of the Grammar and Primary schools in District No. 1, was, in a great measure, responsible for this new school. The parents in the district were also much in favor of it as the younger children would thus be saved a long barge ride. We, therefore, took the fifth grade pupils from No. 1 Grammar school and divided them between District No. 1 and District No. 2 Primary schools. This now leaves both Grammar schools with only three grades and generally speaking with about the same number of pupils, while Nos. 1, 2, 6, and 7, have each five grades, and No. 5 which is always a large school) with four grades. We have great difficulty in finding young women who will undertake the task of teaching our Grammar schools. To (a casual observer, it seems an easy matter to teach a school of forty scholars. But divide these pupils into three grades, teach each grade every day, reading, spelling, arithmetic, language, history and geography, with drawing, writing, music, etc., to fill in any empty spaces there may be, and with all this, to be able to control the pupils, giving them lessons in manners and morals, do you wonder on second thought, that teachers are hard to find and harder to keep when we are fortunate enough to find one? And would you undertake to do it at twice the salaries our teachers get? Please understand us when we say that these requirements are no exaggerations, but only just what a great majority of people think a teacher should be able to do.

The attendance the past year has been very good. We

have had no serious epidemics, although measles in one district, and a case of scarlet fever in another, prevented our annual Decoration Day exercises. We are hoping everything will be favorable for those exercises this year.

Beginning with the Primary children, each one should be taught that as long as school is in session, that is where he is to be found. If the habit is formed at that early age, it makes the succeeding years much easier.

A person who fails in any undertaking very seldom blames himself, but usually thinks some one else at fault, and it is exactly so with our schools. If a pupil fails to pass from one grade to the next higher, or does not get as much out of the school work as the parent thinks he should, is it not the usual thing to blame everyone connected with the schools, Committee, Superintendent and teachers, rather than the pupil himself? Do you, parents, see to it that your children attend school regularly? That is, every day, unless detained at home by real not fancied illness? If so, that is one great essential toward success in school and another is, to impress on the child's mind that if he will do his part in the work of the school, he may be very sure that the teacher will do likewise. A pupil who is a disturber of the peace of a school-room, not only injures himself but hurts the chances of others more studiously inclined and should be severely dealt with. A pupil who goes to school every day, and goes for business not mischief, will not fail.

It is very gratifying to all connected with our schools to know that in the recent tests in Spelling and Arithmetic given in thirty-five towns in South Eastern Massachusetts, the pupils of the Norwell schools stood No. 1 in both. Also, that one of our High School pupils, on moving from town, entered the Whitman High School and is an Honor pupil. Another High School pupil (class of '12) took the preliminary examinations for the M. I. T. and passed

in all. Any one who knows how severe these examinations are, will understand that good results are being obtained in the Norwell High School by those who are willing to work for them.

We wish to thank our voters for their very generous contribution toward the support of our schools, our Superintendent, for the good work he has done and is still doing, our teachers for their faithfulness and courtesy in following so willingly our suggestions and in keeping our schools to the standard set for them.

Gen. Grant once said that it was not he alone, who suppressed armed rebellion in this country and stopped our Civil war, but that it was the combined effort of each individual member of his great army. And so it is with our schools, it is not any one person who makes or mars but it is the work of all concerned. Let us feel that it is only by united, harmonious effort that our school system will flourish and bring forth the fruits we most desire, young men and young women to do honor to Norwell and her schools.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,  
GEORGE C. TURNER,  
MARY E. CURTIS.

## Expenditures.

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FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1911.  
TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Fred W. Carrier, 24 weeks	\$660 00
John C. Page, 15 weeks	375 00
Mary G. Magner, 24 weeks	300 00
Alcina B. Houghton, 15 weeks	187 50
Gertrude M. Short, 39 weeks	487 50
Abbie E. Cutting, 14 weeks	168 00
Antoinette E. Jacobs, 2 days	4 00
Sarah L. Litchfield, 8 days	16 00
Mrs. Myrtle M. Ennis, 6 weeks	72 00
Edith C. Turner, 15 weeks	180 00
Mrs. Martha C. Ford, 6 weeks	63 00
Gladys J. Mitchell, 16 weeks	169 00
Lucy S. Williams, 15 weeks	157 50
Eleanor E. Elliott, 22 weeks	264 00
Grace Field, 15 weeks	198 75
Margaret Towle, 15 weeks	150 00
Marion G. Merritt, 37 weeks	407 00
Mabel E. Adams, 37 weeks	370 00
Maria W. Tolman, 37 weeks	407 00
Bertha M. Tilden, Drawing Teacher	125 00

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\$4,761 25

## SUPERINTENDENT

Received from State	\$250 00	
Town appropriation	250 00	
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		\$500 00
Paid James F. Hayes		532 50

## TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. E. L. Loring, 12 weeks	\$276 00	
John Whalen, 12 weeks	180 00	
John Whalen, 27 weeks	499 50	
L. F. Hammond, 12 weeks	240 00	
L. F. Hammond, 12 weeks	204 00	
L. F. Hammond, 15 weeks	225 00	
John F. Osborne, 12 weeks	240 00	
John F. Osborne, 9 weeks	135 00	
James L. Litchfield, 12 weeks	156 00	
James L. Litchfield, 27 weeks	405 00	
William R. Durkee, 27 weeks	540 00	
Minot F. Williamson, 27 weeks	405 00	
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		\$3.505 50

## CARE OF ROOMS

L. F. Hammond, janitor town hall	\$200 00
H. Earle Ainslie, janitor Dist. No. 1, 1910 Fall term	24 00
H. Earle Ainslie, janitor Dist. No. 1, 1911 37 weeks	60 50
Arthur H. Osborne, janitor Dist. No. 2, 15 weeks	22 50
Mrs. M. A. Osborne, janitor Dist. No. 5, 37 weeks	60 50



F. L. Thomas, janitor Dist. No. 6, 37	
weeks	55 50
Wm. C. Tolman, janitor Dist. No. 7,	
37 weeks	56 00

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\$479 00

### FUEL AND FITTING

Wm. S. Simmons, wood, as per contract	\$25 90
Walter T. Osborne, wood, as per contract	37 40
Wm. D. Turner, wood and measuring	
wood	42 50
F. E. Henderson, wood	3 25
F. D. Lee, sawing and housing wood	8 25
Benj. Loring, wood as per contract	24 00
Geo. H. Turner, sawing wood	8 50
A. T. Stoddard, sawing wood	3 00
Benj. Loring, wood and sawing wood	7 00
H. Earle Ainslie, housing and splitting	
wood	4 50
F. L. Thomas, housing wood	1 75

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\$166 05

### BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

C. M. Ford, printing	\$19 25
Samuel Ward Co.	13 37
Ginn & Co.	15 52
E. E. Babb & Co.	135 02
American Book Co.	90 96
J. L. Hammett Co.	2 27

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\$276 39

## HIGH SCHOOL FUND

Unexpended balance from last year	\$38 84
Received from State	500 00

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\$538 84

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	\$104 16
Oliver Ditson Co.	8 79
Ginn & Co.	93 98
Allyn & Bacon	12 12
E. E. Babb & Co.	53 82
American Book Co.	69 60
D. C. Heath & Co.	5 83

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\$348 30

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\$190 54

## SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS

M. E. Curtis, postage, telephoning etc.	\$12 57
E. W. French, repairng clock	1 25
H. S. Merritt, materials and labor	43 05
C. L. Rice & Son, fixtures for schools	20 11
Hall & Torrey, merchandise and labor	25 74
Curtis & Bates, merchandise and cash	
paid for express, freight and carting	14 70
Wm. C. Tolman, repairs at No. 7	40
Arthur N. Hammond, transportation of	
substitute teacher, 8 days	4 00
Harold Monk, carrying water for No. 5	
schools	2 00
Harry B. Merritt, labor at several	
school houses	8 75
C. A. Bruce, labor at church at graduation	2 50



Jordan, Marsh Co., ribbon for diplomas	1 94
W. T. Osborn, services at graduation	2 00
Wm. T. Sylvester, cleaning vaults	6 00
Jerome F. Wadsworth, labor on stoves	5 63
Mrs. E. C. Jones, cleaningschool house No. 1	12 00
Mrs. S. L. Mott, cleaning school house No. 2	12 00
Mrs. M. A. Osborne, cleaning school house Ne. 5	12 00
Mrs. H. E. Randall, cleaning school house No. 6	6 00
Mrs. E. L. Winslow, cleaning school house No. 7	8 00
William H. Spencer, materials and la- bor on stoves	41 65
E. W. Hood, repairing clock	1 50
W. T. Osborn, express and carting	11 48
Levi N. Osborne, stock and labor at No. 2	10 00
George C. Turner, expenses in secur- ing teachers	2 30
Albert Osborne, labor at No. 5	3 00
Timothy Sheehan, cleaning vaults at No. 1, (1910 and 1911)	5 00
George A. Turner, materials and labor at Nos. 1 and 2	29 30
F. E. Henderson, cleaning vault	2 00
Benjamin Loring, expense securing teachers, telephoning, labor and supplies	11 25
J. H. Lehan, painting and glazing	35 55
F. L. Thomas, carrying water	1 00
L. F. Hammond, transportation of sick pupils	1 00

L. F. Hammond, stove	3 00	
J. S. Hayes, expenses, telephoning, postage, etc.	4 50	
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	2 00	
G. F. Welch, lumber and hinges	2 33	
J. P. Henderson, water supply for No. 6	10 50	
A. J. Litchfield & Sons, supplies to schools	6 85	
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		\$384 85

## SUMMARY

Total expense		\$10,453 84
Less amount received		
Massachusetts School Fund	\$1,351 21	
Superintendent Schools	250 00	
State on account teachers' salaries	166 66	
Tuition State children	263 00	
High School fund	500 00	
Dog Tax	322 43	
Balance High School fund	38 84	
Collected for damage to property	5 85	
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		\$2,897 99
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Expense to town		7,555 85
Appropriation		7,000 00
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Exceeded		\$555 85

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find them correct.

ELLIOTT W. CROWELL, Auditor.

# ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS

	Winter Term, 1910				Spring Term, 1910				Fall Term, 1910			
	Number enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent. of attendance	Number enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent. of attendance	Number enrolled	Average membership	Average attendance	Per cent. of attendance
No. 1 Primary	39	36.76	32.05	.87	41	32.75	30.34	.92	30	26.15	25.4	.97
No. 1 Grammar	41	39.41	35.43	.87	39	36.72	34.94	.95	42	33.32	31.76	.95
No. 2 Primary	..	.....	.....	...	..	.....	.....	..	18	16.8	16.29	.97
No. 5 Primary	26	24.15	21.08	.86	30	24.91	22.02	.88	27	23.86	25.72	.95
No. 5 Grammar	43	41.33	37.44	.90	45	42.78	40.18	.93	48	47.58	44.27	.93
No. 6 Primary	28	25.44	19.94	.78	27	24.56	21.68	.88	19	18.53	14.7	.79
No. 7 Primary	27	24.39	20.76	.85	25	24.12	22.82	.94	36	35.63	33.21	.93
High School	56	55.15	49.96	.91	54	53.49	48.11	.90	59	57.63	55.25	.96

# Norwell Public Schools

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## PUPILS NOT ABSENT FOR FOUR YEARS

Dorothy Litchfield

## NOT ABSENT FOR TWO YEARS

Mildred Blake

Elizabeth Corthell

## NOT ABSENT FOR ONE YEAR

Alfred Molla

Margaret Tolman

Alma Litchfield

## NOT ABSENT FOR TWO TERMS

Elizabeth Jacobs

Arthur Hammond

Arthur Merritt

Blanche Pinson

Helena Gray

Lawrence Osborne

Ruth Tolman

Marie Olson

Otto Olson

Olive Briggs

Ernest Monk

Alfred Bates

Marion Chappell

Otis Corthell

Miriam Ford

Mary Turner

Rena Merritt

Russell Olson

Robert Leavitt, Jr.

Viola Martin

Annie Olson

Arthur James

## NOT ABSENT FOR ONE TERM

Marion Jacobs	Herbert Lincoln
Robert Moila	Mabel Whalen
Annie Vollenger	Maisie Dyer
John Vollenger	Everett Osborne
Helene Merritt	Sara Monk
Norma Wilder	Ruth Kidder
Irving Wilder	Anna Laird
Edward Cobbett	Howard Cobbett
Grace Farrar	Orren Cutler
Wilson Morrill	Mildred Mott
Floyd Osborne	Lawrence Prouty
Sara Black	Evelyn Crocker
Seth Thomas	Grace Morrill
Fred Olson	Edmund Ramsey
Evelyn Ford	Frank Smith
Chester Bell	Lillian Whitaker
Stanley Winslow	Helen Parr
Helen Heredeen	Annie Trecker
Lloyd Prouty	Lillian Tucker
Minnie Gardner	Douglas Mitchell
Josie Prouty	Lester Delano
Lillian Crocker	Levi Olson
Lawrence Moulton	Ernest Hunt
Harold Turner	Irving Haywood
Louise Whiting	Emily Simmons
Elva Prouty	Earle Nash
Mabel Gray	Susie Haywood
Bertha Gardner	Bernard Monahan
Samuel Descue	Lincoln Bates
Mildred Litchfield	Lillian Ford
Ethel Tolman	Fred Joseph
Edna Farrar	Lawrence Soule

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE NORWELL HIGH  
SCHOOL, UNITARIAN CHURCH, JUNE  
TWENTY-TWO, 1911

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Class motto: "Not Evening, But Dawn."

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PROGRAM

Prayer	Rev. Mr. Houghton
Salutatory and Class History	Mae A. Collamore
(a) Essay, "Some Peculiarities of the Tariff"	Elmer N. Leavitt
Song, "Waltz Song"	Beethoven Quartette
Essay, "Beethoven, the Master of His World"	G. Marion Reed
Class Phrophecy	Laura F. Hatch
Essay, "Nature's Benedictions"	Ethel I. Stetson
Song, "Annie Laurie"	Beethoven Quartette
Class Characteristics	Ella F. Osborne
Essay, "Effect of Instrumental Music on the Listener"	Alice R. Farrar
Song, "Tom the Piper"	Beethoven Quartette
Class Will	Helen E. Litchfield
Essay, "Chemistry, as Applied to Agriculture"	Ralph G. Lambert
Song, "When the Corn is Waving"	Beethoven Quartette
Essay, "True Nobility"	Bertha Gardner
Valedictory	Ethel I. Stetson
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. F. W. Carrier
Song, "When the Little Ones Say Goodnight"	Beethoven Quartette
Benediction	

## GRADUATES

Bertha Linwood Gardner	Ethel Isabel Stetson
Alice Rockwood Farrar	Mae Alden Collamore
Ella Francis Osborne	Laura Francis Hatch
Grace Marion Reed	Helen Elizabeth Litchfield
Ralph Gordon Lambert	(a) Elmer Nathaniel Leavitt

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Class Colors; Blue and Gold.

(a) Prevented by illness from being present at graduation.

## Superintendent's Report.

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To the School Committee of Norwell:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report.

There has been a gradual improvement in the quality of work done the past year. I am convinced that during the last term of this year, the work in our schools has been gradually strengthening.

Nearly every previous report tells us that the schools are making progress, and that the work this year is better than that of last year. If this is so, why is it that our schools have not reached perfection? Here is one explanation: "The standards by which we measure our work are being raised each year, and in spite of our best efforts, we are maintaining nearly the same position relative to the demands put upon us by the general advance in educational demands."

Changes in our teaching force retards the work. Even when good teachers are secured to fill these vacancies, it takes time for such teachers to adapt themselves to new conditions. Under the best of conditions there is a distinct loss to the pupils whenever such change becomes necessary. If we could retain our present corps of teachers for two or three years, the value of their work would mean much to the town.

It is difficult to employ for the schools in our town, teachers who come up to the standard of excellence we try to set. Like all towns of similar size we suffer, because



many of our teachers are taken from us by offers of higher salary elsewhere, just as we feel they are becoming valuable to us. The remuneration of teachers is by no means always placed on a satisfactory basis. "Results in school work are hard to measure. Perfect recitations and examinations may show intellectual accomplishments, but may fail utterly to discover how such a pupil has developed in those qualities that make for strength of character, and honest, upright, citizenship." Credit should be given the teachers for what they are accomplishing or trying to accomplish, just as freely as criticism is offered for what they fail to do, but that is not always the case.

The present conditions under which the teachers labor are good; not ideal, for that cannot be in any town of large area and scattered population. As the teachers increase in efficiency, the marked change in their schools is noticeable.

## MEDICAL INSPECTION.

During the past year, the plan of medical inspection has been similar to previous years, the result being that the schools have been free from epidemics. The teachers are rapidly learning to recognize the early symptoms of some of the diseases which effect children, and the training is valuable.

Instructing pupils in hygiene is a comparatively simple matter, but training a child to practice what they are taught is very difficult, as the teacher cannot enforce the practice of rules of hygiene outside of school hours.

Parents should take more interest in the condition of their children's teeth, and thus save themselves sleepless ours, and their children many hours of pain.

## EYE AND EAR TESTS

Number of pupils enrolled	264
Number deficient in eyesight	18
Number deficient in hearing	3
Number of parents or guardians notified	18

There is no doubt that a great amount of good is accomplished by these examinations. Yet the full duty toward the child is not complete until proper action has been taken upon the report sent by the teacher.

## HIGH SCHOOL

A determined effort is being made to raise the standard of scholarship in the High School.

There is a certain minimum of deportment, industry, and scholarship below which no pupil may go. The failures in scholarship have been due to indolence rather than inability. There are a few pupils in our school who have a mistaken idea of what a high school course means. They seem to feel that it consists in attending somewhat regularly for four years, getting what lessons they can without much effort, and taking their chance of getting through at the end of that time. It causes comment from the pupil who attends regularly and does his work faithfully, and is very harmful to the pupil himself.

The High School should not be a place of rest and ease, but of earnest effort. Those who are not there for serious work should find work elsewhere, both for their own good and the good of others.

The average high school pupil cannot complete the course satisfactorily without much home study. With the best facilities and finest teachers, high school pupils cannot derive the greatest benefit from a high school course, unless great attention is paid to home study. It is

the quiet work at home, where perfect concentration of mind, for most pupils, is alone possible, which develops the mind of the boy or girl, and teaches, more than the opportunities of the school room, self-reliance.

### GENERAL TOPICS

Pupils in a very short time make books that never were used before unfit for further service. Carelessness in handling, lack of neatness, soiled hands, are responsible. Teachers should exercise a closer supervision in this matter to save unnecessary expense.

School yards and their approaches, while adequate as playgrounds, are far from what we would like to have. As the children have no organized games, or method of play, one group infringes on the rights of another to the detriment of all.

Music has been introduced into all the schools and is proving a decided success. We are fortunate in having teachers capable of leading in this work.

New text books in Language are needed, and a thorough course in Hygiene and Physiology.

In closing, I desire to thank you for your help and encouragement, the teachers for their faithfulness, and the townspeople for many courtesies.

Respectfully,

JAMES S. HAYES,  
Superintendent of Schools.

Norwell, Mass., Dec. 30, 1911.

# Report of High School Principal

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To the Superintendent of Schools of Norwell :

This is my first annual report. In it I am sending you a few words concerning Norwell High School. These words will perforce deal mostly with mere plans and endeavors since ultimate results at the present time, January, can not, of course, be more than guessed.

Our major effort has been to imbue the pupils with the doctrine of sweat, and to quash their prepossessing idea that the teacher, rather than the intrinsic merit of their work, passes or fails to pass them. To this end, largely, the system of marking has been changed to the basis of percentage. Seventy per cent. is the passing mark. When the report cards are issued at the end of each eight weeks, the pupils are thus able to see just where they stand, and the parents also to know the promise of their children. Success or failure does not then come as a surprise in June, or as the result of a teacher's judgment at that time, but it comes from a simple mathematical average of the five bi-monthly marks. These marks, in turn, are earned by the pupils after a definite manner. The last three days of each eight weeks is laid aside for an examination in each subject on the work during the closing bi-monthly. The examination mark attained has one-third weight in determining the bi-monthly mark, the remaining two-thirds weight being divided at the discretion of the teacher and the knowledge of the pupils between recitation work, outside work, etc. The pupils thereby have

good marks open to them through specific known channels of work, but this system can not cause them emptily to make marks their ends—too strongly do they realize that these marks are veracious tale-bearers only.

Again, the number of lessons a week has been regulated and the choice of these lessons modified. Sixteen lessons a week are required. These include certain prescribed courses, but the number of electives becomes larger in the junior and senior years. It is recognized as unwise and detrimental to best results to require, for instance, a large class of uninterested girls to pursue such a study as advanced physics. Under compulsion such work is practically useless to them and it seriously holds back others who might be benefited. A judicious elective system further finds its success in recognizing the propitiousness of everybody towards those things which are virtually, at least, of his own choosing. And in truth the pupils may choose among certain studies provided they do not choose wrong. As a consequence the problem of interest is half solved at the outset.

Now a word as to the studies themselves. English is of course required in all the grades as usual. In German a senior course has been added. The latter is in furtherance of the plan started last year by the introduction of Junior German. The rest of the studies, except the sciences, are as before. In the latter some changes have been deemed necessary. A full four-year course in the sciences has been put in the curriculum of the high school, besides the one-year course for the ninth grade. New science courses have been added, and the old ones have been strengthened to the standard of college entrance requirements,—this by appropriate laboratory work, notebook work, and other means. The senior and junior science classes have been united, and also the sophomore and freshman classes. To the former double class, for



instance, physics exclusively is given this year; chemistry next year. This alternation means concentration and efficient work, and is made possible by the classes produced by the present elective schedule. Among the sciences added are physiology and zoology. The former appears to have been taught several years ago, but the latter is new. It would seem indeed unfortunate if a Norwell High School graduate in science should know nothing of his own body, nothing of animal life, and especially if he should know nothing about the intensely practical problems of economic entomology in our country to-day. The wisdom of these introductions must be apparent even to him who has but casual knowledge of these things.

As to other matters, I suppose that no report would be complete unless it called attention to our present method of heating the school. With two stoves in the large room we are doing the best we can, but it is of course necessary that the pupils should gather around the stoves on cold days, and this is hardly conducive to best study, besides not permitting the accomplishment of written work.

Now, in closing, Superintendent Hayes, I wish to express my appreciation of your ever helpful visits and words, express my thanks to the members of the school committee of Norwell, for their support, to give recognition of the efficient and altruistic services of the high school teachers, and to express thanks to parents and in fact to all those who are helping in any way to make Norwell High School a success.

Most sincerely,

JOHN C. PAGE.

## Report of Drawing Teacher

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To the School Committee of Norwell:—

In many places, drawing has been regarded as an unnecessary period in the school schedule. Now, educationists are doing all they can to make the subject of art or drawing stand on the same ground with reading, writing and arithmetic.

Knowing this, it has been my aim to have the children of the public schools of Norwell realize the value of drawing.

Children are beginning to notice that designs are common things. Those designs which they have been struggling to perfect, appear complete on patch-work quilts, cover of magazines, shelf paper, the new table cloth and many other things at home.

The plan or construction work also seems a part of real life, for, when at home they hear their parents talking about a plan of the new barn, showing the position of grain chests, stalls and so forth. The new suit is ready to be cut, a pattern is the first thought. This line of work is being carried on in a small scale by introducing plans for pen trays, waste baskets and candle shades, and patterns for small objects in construction.

Although we do not expect to find Rembrandts, Raphaels, or Whistlers, in our schools of Norwell, we do need this line of work which will train these pupils to be able to apply themselves to the duties of beautifying the home and the community where they live.

This cannot be done in any branch of work as well as in the working out of designs, the planning and construction of objects, and observation of nature in color and sketch drawing.

BERTHA M. TILDEN.





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